GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SCS/STS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT BY DR.AMBEDKAR FOUNDATION
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dr. Ambedkar Foundation has been providing financial assistance to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, those who are suffering from major diseases like cancer, kidney to get treatment from recognized hospital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether not even a single hospital/diagnostic centre has been adopted from Karnataka to provide medical treatment under this foundation;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there is any proposal to select any hospital from Karnataka under the Ambedkar foundation to provide free medical facilities to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Foundation is providing financial assistance under the Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid scheme to the Scheduled Caste Patients, whose annual income is less than 50,000/- and who are suffering from major ailments that need surgery, such as Heart, Kidney, Liver, Cancer, Brain etc. or any other life threatening diseases. Fifty percent of the total cost of the treatment will be reimbursed to the hospital concerned directly with maximum ceiling limited to Rs. 75,000 in each case, out of which Rs. 25,000 will be reimbursed before surgery and the remaining amount after the surgery.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Scheme is presently implemented in 10 States through 10 hospitals identified under the scheme.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) It has been proposed to include K.S. Bowring Hospital, Bangalore, Kidwai Institute of Oncology, Bangalore, Kasturba Hospital, Manipal and Civil Hospital, Oorgaon.